The Lamb of God

(for younger children) by Curtis Sergeant

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The Chosen One

Long ago, before I was born, my family had a special purpose. My name is Joshua, and I am a lamb. My ancestors have been part of God's big story for many years. We were not just any animals—we were chosen.

It all began in a beautiful garden called Eden. Everything was perfect until people disobeyed God. My ancestors watched as God made clothes for Adam and Eve from animal skins. This was the first time an innocent animal had to die because of sin. From that moment, we lambs became a sign of something important.

Lambs are gentle and trusting. We follow our shepherd, knowing he takes care of us. We are not strong like lions or fast like deer, yet we were chosen to show something special to the world—God's love and sacrifice.

Years later, my ancestors played a big role in Egypt. God's people were slaves, and He planned to rescue them. He told them to choose a perfect lamb, one without any flaws. The people painted its blood on their doorposts. That night, death passed over every house with the lamb's blood, and God's people were saved. This became known as Passover; from then on, my kind became known as the Passover lambs.

Many years passed. My ancestors lived in the fields of Israel, watching over the people. One shepherd, David, later became a great king. He called the Lord his Shepherd, knowing God cared for His people like a shepherd cares for his sheep.

Then, prophets came, speaking of a Lamb to come—one greater than all before. They said He would be led to His death like a silent lamb, giving His life to save others.

Then, one day, He came.

A man named John saw Him and cried out, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). It was Jesus, the one promised long ago. He called Himself the Good Shepherd, but He was also the Lamb who would give His life for His people.

Now, as I stand here, I see how special my kind has been. We were chosen to tell this great story. From Eden to Egypt, from the prophets to the cross, the Lamb's sacrifice is an important theme running through history.

And I, Joshua, am honored to share it.

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The First Sacrifice

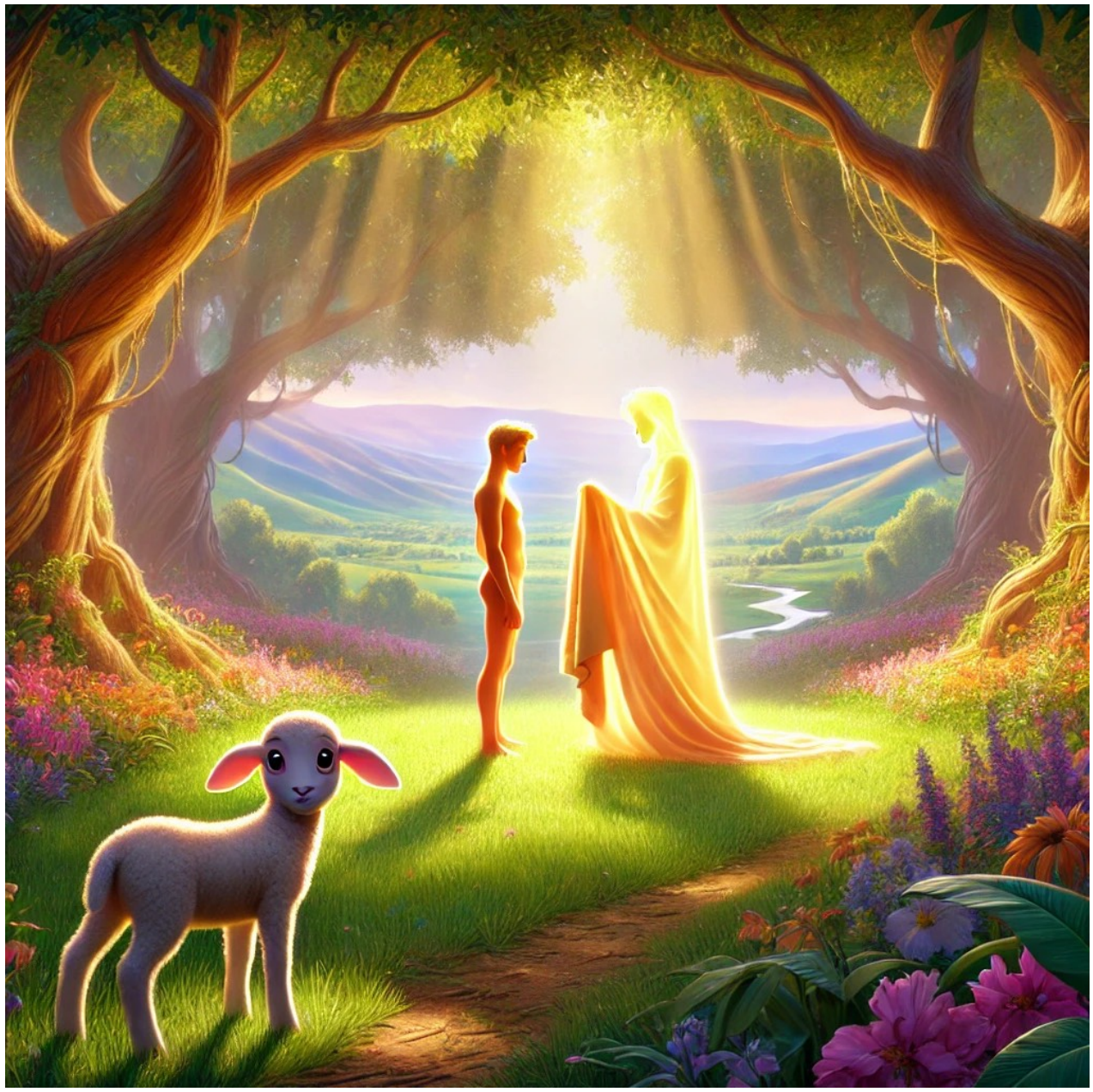
In the beginning, the world was perfect. There was no pain, fear, or sadness. My ancestors lived in peace as Adam and Eve walked with God.

But one day, everything changed. A wicked serpent tricked Adam and Eve into disobeying God. They ate fruit that God had told them not to eat. Suddenly, they felt ashamed. They tried to hide from God.

God called out to them, “Where are you?” He knew what they had done. Sin had entered the world. Because of their sin, Adam and Eve had to leave the garden. Life would now be hard. They would feel pain and sadness.

But God still loved them. He made clothes for them from animal skins. This was the first time an innocent animal had to die because of sin. My ancestors saw what this meant. Sin had a price. Blood had to be shed to cover it. This was the first sacrifice, but it would not be the last.

A day would come when the perfect Lamb, Jesus, would die to cover all sin. Even from the beginning, God had a plan.



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Cain and Abel

Adam and Eve’s sons, Cain and Abel, brought gifts to God. Abel, a shepherd, gave God a perfect lamb from his flock. Cain, a farmer, gave fruit from the ground. God accepted Abel’s gift but not Cain’s.

Cain was angry. God warned him, “Do what is right, and you will be accepted.” But Cain did not listen. He let anger fill his heart. He led Abel into a field and killed him.

God saw what Cain had done. He punished him, but even in judgment, God showed mercy. He protected Cain from harm. Cain’s story showed that sin leads to pain. But Abel’s sacrifice pointed to the true Lamb who would give His life willingly.

The need for a perfect sacrifice was growing clearer. One day, Jesus would come to be that sacrifice.

God Provides a Sacrifice

Many years later, a man named Abraham loved and obeyed God. God promised Abraham that he would have many descendants. But one day, God tested Abraham's faith. He told him to sacrifice his son, Isaac.

Abraham took Isaac up a mountain. Isaac carried the wood for the offering. He asked, "Father, where is the lamb?"

Abraham answered, "God will provide the lamb."

Abraham trusted God. Just as he raised his knife, an angel called out to Abraham, "Do not harm the boy!" Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in a bush. God had provided a sacrifice!

This was a picture of what God would one day do. He would send Jesus, the Lamb of God, to take our place. Jesus' name means "God saves." Just as the ram saved Isaac, Jesus would save the world.

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The Passover Lamb

Many years later, Abraham's descendants became slaves in Egypt. They cried out to God, and He sent Moses to free them. But Pharaoh refused to let them go.

God sent nine plagues, but Pharaoh's heart was hard. Then, God sent one last plague. The firstborn of every family in Egypt would die. But God gave His people a way to be saved. He told them to take a perfect lamb, kill it, and put its blood on their doorposts. When death came, it would pass over their homes.

That night, God's people were saved. Pharaoh let them go. The lamb's blood had saved them. Every year after that, they celebrated Passover. But this was only a picture of what was to come. Jesus, the true Passover Lamb, would one day shed His blood to save the world from sin.

The Day of Atonement

After God rescued His people from Egypt, He gave them special laws. These laws taught them how to live and worship Him. But the most important lesson was this: sin had to be paid for.

God chose Moses' brother, Aaron, to be the first high priest. Aaron had an important job. He helped the people ask God for forgiveness. God gave him special instructions for the Day of Atonement. This was the most important day of the year.

On this day, Aaron had to offer two goats. One was sacrificed, and its blood covered the people's sins. The other was called the scapegoat. Aaron laid his hands on it and confessed the people's sins. Then, the goat was sent far away into the wilderness, which showed that sin was removed from them.

But this was only a picture. The blood of animals could not take away sin forever. It was a sign that one day, a greater sacrifice would come. Jesus, the perfect Lamb, would give His life to take away sin once and for all.

Jesus, the Lamb of God

Long before Jesus was born, He was with God. He helped create the world. He was the light in the darkness, the hope of all people.

When Jesus grew up, He taught people about God’s love, healed the sick, and helped the poor. He was kind, gentle, and full of truth. But He was not just a teacher—He was the Lamb of God.

One day, John the Baptist saw Jesus and shouted, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the world's sin!” (John 1:29). John knew that Jesus was the one promised long ago. He would be the perfect sacrifice.

Jesus came to give His life for us. Just like the Passover lamb, He would die to save God’s people. But unlike the lambs before Him, His sacrifice would be forever.

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A Changed Life

Because Jesus gave His life for us, we should live differently. His blood washes away sin, making us clean. But we should not go back to sin. Instead, we should walk in the light.

The Bible says, “If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). Walking in the light means living in truth. It means loving others, being kind, and obeying God.

We do not live this way to earn God’s love. He already loves us! But because we love Him back, we want to live in a way that pleases Him.

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The Lamb Who Reigns

One day, John had a vision of heaven. He saw a great throne. In God's hand was a scroll. No one was able to open it. John began to weep.

Then he saw Jesus—the Lamb, standing in victory! The angels cried, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!" (Revelation 5:12). Jesus could open the scroll because He had given His life to save the world.

This moment showed that Jesus is not just the Lamb—He is also the King. He will bring justice to the world, defeat all evil, and make everything right again.

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The Lamb’s Forever Home

The story does not end there. The Lamb has prepared a home for His people. John saw a new heaven and a new earth, a beautiful city shining with God’s glory.

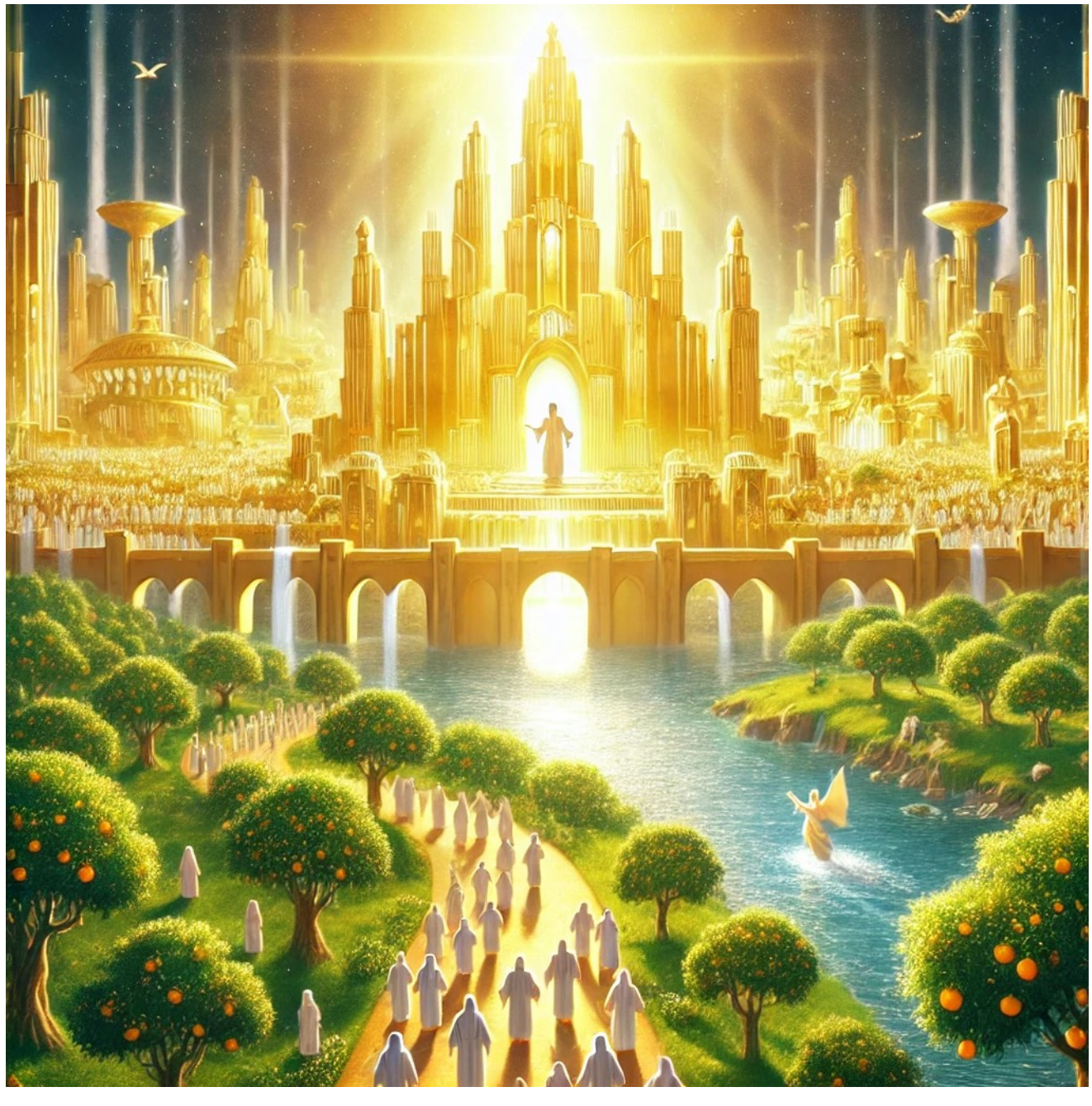
A loud voice said, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people!” (Revelation 21:3). There will be no more tears, pain, or death. God will live with His people forever.

John saw a river of life and a tree with fruit for every season. The people of God will live in joy, worshiping Him forever. The Lamb will be their light, and they will reign with Him forever.

The story of the Lamb has been told from the first sacrifice in Eden to the cross, from the Passover to the Day of Atonement, and from Jesus’ victory to the new heaven and earth.

The theme runs through the whole Bible. It is the story of God’s love, sacrifice, and victory. And one day, we will stand in the presence of the Lamb, forever His, forever loved.

And I, Joshua, will always tell this story—the story of the Lamb who was slain and now reigns forever!



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